

World Briefs

raises fares by 7 per cent
 April 3 (R)—The world's major airlines said today that passenger fares and freight rates on most routes by air from next May 1 to offset rising fuel prices. An agreement by the International Air Transport Association that rates would be increased by only five per cent was rejected. The increases were agreed on during a week of talks by 120 executives from 65 leading international airlines, because of soaring fuel costs due to reduced oil from Iran. It opened last Wednesday, and was originally to last only two days. But it was prolonged as delegates discussed technical details of the increases in passenger and freight rates. The 65 airlines which took part in the negotiations raised about 80 per cent of international traffic on flights.

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Frankfurt airport bomb injures 10

FRANKFURT, April 3 (R)—Ten airline workers were injured today when a bomb believed possibly meant for an Israeli airliner exploded at Frankfurt Airport. One man had an arm blown off and he and another were described as critically ill in hospital. Hans Piesker, Federal Prosecutor's spokesman, tonight ruled out German extremists and said: "There are more indications that this is the work of Palestinians." The bomb exploded on a trolley of parcels destined for several planes and various parts of the world. Mail for Israel's El Al airline is handled at Frankfurt and this increased speculation that the bomb was supposed to blow up an Israeli plane in flight and went off too soon. As well as the two men critically injured, two were seriously wounded and the six others treated for cuts and shock. Security police loading more blasts sealed off part of the airport and postal services were temporarily suspended.

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Regional Briefs

April 3 (R)—Iraq has called for the suspension of membership of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Countries (OAPC), the Iraq News Agency reported. It said this would be in line with the political, diplomatic and economic sanctions adopted by Arab countries against Egypt. A separate peace treaty with Israel. The agency said the Ministry sent a cable to OAPC's secretary general, an extraordinary ministerial meeting of the organization to suspend Egypt's membership.

April 3 (R)—Palestinian commandos said they had killed seven Israeli soldiers in a naval clash lasting over 24 hours off the south of Tel Aviv yesterday. The Palestine news agency said last night that three of the six commandos in a boat were killed and the boat damaged. It said the battle started when the commando boat intercepted by an Israeli naval boat. The commandos fired a rocket hit on the Israeli boat. Three other Israeli soldiers were killed and the boat damaged. Wafa added.

April 3 (AP)—Saudi Arabia's Interior Minister assured working in Saudi Arabia Tuesday their status would not be affected by the Arab League's economic and political boycott of the Egyptian government. "The government (of Egypt) will continue dealing with Egyptian citizens working in the same way as before (the boycott)," the Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz said. "These relations will remain the same. The Egyptian government decides to take measures to protect Saudi citizens." Prince Nayef added. There are an estimated one million Egyptians working in oil-rich Arab states in the East, many of them in Saudi Arabia.

April 3 (R)—Saudi Arabian Finance and National Minister Sheikh Mohammed Abul Khalil left here today for the official Saudi Press Agency said. He will have talks with government leaders on promoting and strengthening cooperation. The minister's visit was seen to be related to his endeavours for foreign aid to tackle the country's crisis.

April 3 (R)—President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al Nahayan today sent a message to Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini on the occasion of proclaiming Iran an Islamic Republic. The Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa bin Sulman Al Khalifa, also sent a congratulatory message to Ayatollah Khomeini. King Khalid bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia yesterday sent a message to the Ayatollah. King Khalid said he congratulated the Ayatollah for the Islamic revolution and the creation of the Islamic Republic. He said the Islamic Republic would strengthen Islamic unity and prosperity for all Muslim peoples, the official Saudi Press reported from Riyadh.

April 3 (AP)—Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion committed supporter of the Palestinian cause, said at Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini is considering calling a conference in Iran. The archbishop, who was of Greek descent, was in Iran in 1974, to assist the conference to Imam Khomeini when he was in the holy city of Qom Monday. The archbishop, in Khomeini's invitation, said he is urging other nations to support the Islamic revolution in Iran by supporting the Palestinian cause. He said he had broken diplomatic relations with Israel and the Israeli embassy to the Palestine Liberation Organization. He also accused "international Zionists, imperialist agents" of falsely picturing the Iranian revolution as a "war against minorities," including Christians. He said by his presence he wanted to demonstrate that "Zionism is false and baseless."

April 3 (R)—Over 8,000 Eritrean refugees have crossed the border into Sudan as the result of a new Ethiopian military offensive in the Northern Eritrea, a senior Ethiopian official said today. Kevin Lyonette, just back from his mission in Sudan for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), told reporters a group of 8,000 Eritreans, men and children, had crossed into the Port Sudan area. The Sudanese government and international volunteers were now moving the refugees to a plateau region where they would be provided with food and tents to survive the rains when the area would be virtually cut off. The estimates that Sudan has about 250,000 Eritrean refugees of which some 150,000 are receiving U.N. aid.

April 3 (R)—Indian External Affairs Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee today called for international pressure to be applied to Israel to secure a comprehensive solution to the Middle East. "A just and comprehensive solution cannot be achieved until the Lower House of Parliament. He said the Israeli peace pact fell short of providing such a solution. "We are concerned that this treaty should actually heighten the tensions in the region," he added in the Indian government's statement on the pact signed in Washington last week.



Egyptian President Anwar Sadat (left) and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin leave Kubbah Palace in Cairo Tuesday at the end of their round of talks. (AP wirephoto)

Iranian army, air force move into Gonbad Kavus

GONBAD KAVUS, Iran, April 3 (R)—Army tanks and air force troops moved today into this northeastern town today after eight days of sectarian street fighting, then advanced north towards the Soviet border to flush out retreating Turkoman guerrillas. The armed forces met no resistance as they moved into the town following the end of fighting between pro-government Islamic militiamen and guerrillas of the Turkoman ethnic minority seeking autonomy. Several hundred army and air force troops continued north on the rugged road towards the Soviet border. 50 kilometres away, apparently to try to re-establish the government's authority in the largely Turkoman border area.

Shelling, heavy firing erupt in, around Kampala

NAIROBI, April 3 (R)—Shelling and heavy firing erupted in and around Kampala today as residents of the Ugandan capital awaited an expected attack by Tanzanian-backed rebel forces. Exile sources said forces opposed to President Idi Amin had been stockpiling ammunition and fuel several kilometres southwest of Kampala for almost a week. They indicated that preparations for a final assault on the capital were nearing completion.

A diplomat in Kampala reported hearing prolonged small arms fire in the city this morning, while other residents spoke of shelling in the southwestern suburb of Ntete, probably emanating from Ugandan artillery. Radio Uganda repeated its statement that anti-Amin forces had bombarded Kampala over the past two weeks "causing much destruction to mosques, churches, hospitals, petrol depots and diplomatic houses."

The radio quoted President Amin as saying he had closed Entebbe Airport to international traffic because aircraft were being hit during Tanzanian bombing raids. A Turkoman doctor said today his Persian colleagues had told him 30 Turkomans and 116 Persians had been killed in the fighting so far. Persian militia men told Reuters yesterday 50 of their number and 150 Turkomans had died. No Turkomans or correspondents have been allowed to visit the town morgue, in the Persian sector of the town. According to the Turkomans, the fighting erupted after the Islamic militia men, armed civilians who took over police work after the revolution, opened fire at a Turkoman rally on March 26 near the town's 973-year-old tower. The Turkomans had decided at the rally to boycott last weekend's referendum on the establishment of an Islamic republic of Iran.

A nearby Turkoman cultural centre was ransacked the same day, further fanning racial hostility. The Turkomans are Sunni Muslims while most Iranians belong to the Shi'ite sect of Islam. The Turkomans insist that the fighting had nothing to do with religion and said they were only defending themselves and demanding more rights.

Egypt, Israel speed up Sinai withdrawal

CAIRO, April 3 (R)—Israel and Egypt will declare their Sinai border open on May 27 and Egypt will get back the Sinai capital of Al Arish two weeks ahead of schedule, Israeli Premier Menachem Begin said today.

Mr. Begin, speaking after a 50-minute meeting with President Sadat shortly before the end of his historic visit to Cairo, said the two leaders would travel to Al Arish to make the declaration. Israel will pull out of the Mediterranean coastal town and a corridor leading to it a day earlier, on May 26. Al Arish is about 50 kilometres west of the international border between the two countries.

Israel is not due to withdraw completely from Sinai, which it occupied in the 1967 Middle East war, until three years after the signing of the separate peace treaty with Egypt, which took place in Washington eight days ago. Mr. Begin said he and President Sadat would fly from Al Arish to Beersheba in the Naqab Desert for a brief visit.

Mr. Begin said that during the Al Arish meeting he and Mr. Sadat would also discuss details of an air corridor between Cairo's International Airport and Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport, as well as the question of coastal shipping. The announcement came shortly before the end of Mr. Begin's 28-hour visit to Cairo, the first by an Israeli premier after 30 years of hostilities. Other developments announced by Mr. Begin were that Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Butros Ghali, would go to Israel next week with a copy of the treaty after its ratification by the Egyptian parliament—expected this week-end.

He said Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan would then bring to Cairo the Israeli copy of the treaty, which has already been ratified. He added talks on autonomy for Palestinians on the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip would begin in Beersheba one month after Egypt's ratification of the treaty. Subsequently these talks would

alternate between Beersheba and Al Arish, he said.

Mr. Sadat, who was standing next to Mr. Begin as he made his announcement, said he had asked the Israeli premier to extend an invitation to Israeli Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin to pay an official visit to Cairo.

Mr. Begin also said that after Mr. Dayan's visit he expected Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman to come to Cairo for military talks with Egyptian Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

A major unanswered question is how the open border will operate.

Although Egypt will have a corridor running from the Suez Canal to Al Arish, the territory from there to the international border could under the treaty theoretically remain in Israeli hands for up to three years, since it is not covered by the interim withdrawal. Western diplomats said however one way round the problem could be for the Egyptian border formalities to be carried out at Al Arish and the Israeli formalities to be carried out on the other side of the international border, leaving the intervening 50 kilometres a no-man's land.

The non-political side of Mr. Begin's visit, marked by unprecedented security precautions, included a trip to the Pyramids and prayers at Cairo's main synagogue yesterday and a tour of the Cairo Museum with its vast collection of Pharaonic treasures today.

During much of the visit, Mr. Begin was kept isolated from the eight million inhabitants of Cairo as police cleared all approaches leaving only heavily armed security forces on the scene. Upon arrival back in Israel, Mr. Begin said he had reached "important agreements" with

President Sadat during their 50-minute meeting this morning.

But he said he could not disclose details of the meeting before he reports to a special cabinet session called for tomorrow morning, to be followed by a special session of the Knesset.

Meanwhile, President Sadat was quoted in Hamburg, West Germany, today as saying no Muslim would ever accept Israeli sovereignty over the old city of Jerusalem.

Speaking in an interview with the illustrated weekly Stern which released his remarks in advance of publication tomorrow, Mr. Sadat brushed aside differences of interpretation with Israel on the peace agreement.

Commenting on the Israeli insistence that occupied Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel, President Sadat said: "No Muslim, no Arab will ever accept Israeli sovereignty over the old city of Jerusalem, whatever Begin says."

The Egyptian leader, who gave the interview when he came through Bonn last week on his way home from the Washington treaty signing, said "the Israelis are always like that."

Asked what would happen if the Israelis refused to grant an autonomous state to the Palestinians, President Sadat said: "What the Israelis say is one thing, what actually happens is another." "The real test of the peace agreement lies in the negotiations beginning in one month," he added.

President Sadat said the night before the peace agreement was signed he had a really hard two-hour argument with Mr. Begin.

"I said to him what will the world say tomorrow morning when we go and declare there is no treaty," he related. "In the end we did reach agreement. That's how it is with the Israelis."

Nuclear reactor under control, evacuation plans suspended

MIDDLETOWN, Pennsylvania, April 3 (R)—Scientists and technicians today pressed on with the delicate task of reducing even further what is now only a remote chance of a major nuclear accident at the Three Mile Island atomic power plant.

State plans for a mass evacuation of local people in case scientists failed to make the reactor safe have been suspended.

Nuclear experts said that the reactor was apparently back under control. The problem was that when the cooling systems failed last week, damage was caused to the uranium fuel rods which formed the heart of the reactor, the seepage of radioactive material contaminated the water normally used to cool the reactor. At the same time, a hydrogen bubble formed on the inside of the reactor. That left open the possibility that if the cooling water was reduced the bubble could expand, forcing water away from the fuel rods and heating them even further.

In trying to remove the hydrogen bubble, scientists were confronted with the problem that it might be mixed with oxygen in which case it could become highly explosive. In the last two days, officials of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the three utilities which share the power plant have concluded that this

problem is minimal and it will be possible to continue cooling the core using normal procedures.

The initial formation of the bubble was "something that we had never counted on in any of our theoretical models of possible accidents," said an engineer for one of the utility companies. "All things considered, I think we have handled this very well."

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takes issue with Baghdad Arab decisions to boycott Egypt

WASHINGTON, April 3 (R)—The United States took today with the decision by 19 Arab states to economic, political and diplomatic boycott on calling the action as negative and unhelpful. The action was taken by the Arab League states on a retaliation for Egypt's signing last Monday of a peace treaty with Israel. The decisions taken at Baghdad negative and State Department Spokesman Hodding Carter said he would not have any specific comment on the move until the U.S. government had finished the details of the move. But he claimed that the move, which led to last year's Camp David summit, was a bilateral peace treaty and coming as an autonomy for the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip, "are all part of the process to bring lasting peace to the Middle East."

Spokesman Carter declined to say what form those soundings would take and said he did not yet know how the boycott would affect such matters as the \$500 million sale to Egypt of 50 F-15 jets due to have been financed by Saudi Arabia. The sale was part of a \$5 billion U.S. aircraft deal to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Israel agreed last year. The spokesman said that the plane deal and other economic and political aspects of the Arab League action were the reason the study was being undertaken. President Carter meanwhile called for urgent action by Congress over special aid proposed for Egypt and Israel and said any changes would damage his policy of dealing in an even-handed manner with the two countries. The Carter Administration has recommended \$3 billion for Israel and \$1.8 billion for Egypt in the next three years to implement the separate peace treaty. Mr. Carter also said in a letter to key congressmen that the package reflected a careful balance between the economic and military burdens being assumed by each country and the need to restrain U.S. spending in a period of inflation. Mr. Carter said the budget would be increased by only \$1.47 billion because the remainder of the package would be in the form of loans. He said Congress should give urgent approval to the package to avoid delays that could threaten implementation of the peace treaty.

"The proposed U.S. assistance is a coherent, inter-related package which requires urgent congressional action," he said. Under the president's proposal, Israel would receive \$800 million in grants to cover the costs of replacing air bases it will leave in Sinai and \$2.2 billion in foreign military sales credits. Egypt would receive \$1.5 billion in military sales credits and \$300 million in economic aid. State Department officials said that part of the increase in U.S. economic assistance to Egypt would include money for food imports. The economic funds would be provided under the budget of the U.S. Agency for International Development. These funds could be used for technical assistance, capital projects and commodity imports, the officials said. Egypt has pledged to improve the diets and standards of living of the population, partly through food imports and through adopting modern agricultural methods. Under the U.S. budget for the current financial year ending Sept. 30, Egypt would receive about \$250 million for commodity imports out of total aid financing of \$750 million. Egypt also has been allocated \$215 million to buy wheat or flour under the "Food for Peace" programme. But State and White House aides said they expect no change in the funding for this programme.

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A tragedy, not a farce

PRESIDENT SADAT and Mr. Begin think they are about to decide the future of Palestine. Under the spurious Camp David timetable, a built-in mechanism is contrived to create the impression that the peace process is moving forward. The so-called peace treaty confers with one hand -- in the form of the return of Sinai to Egyptian sovereignty -- and matches it by similar mirages of movement on the other side of the equation. Only in this way could the treaty even be presented to an admiring world.

Thus Israeli and Egyptian delegations will meet next month at Beersheba, in occupied Palestine, to discuss Palestinian autonomy. After that, Mr. Sadat and Mr. Begin will meet at Al Aqaba for more discussions, once that city in Sinai is returned to Egyptian sovereignty. They friend Mr. Carter may join them there.

And so the schedule goes. No one, of course, is asking where the Palestinians are in all this. Mr. Sadat, during Begin's visit to Cairo, was careful to say a good word for them from time to time. Mrs. Sadat did not get in on the act, while escorting Mrs. Begin around a hospital for war wounded, by slipping in a thoughtful mention of Palestinian mothers.

But if we want to know what is really going on, we should listen to that great Israeli "moderate" Moshe Dayan. He has pointed out that Israel still has six years' grace in which to build more settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza -- the coming year during which the "autonomy" programme is being negotiated, and the five years after that leading up to the time when the whole plan, under the Camp David formulation, is to be "reconsidered."

Stand by for more of this, for the Camp David blueprint is full of such niceties, by which the two men artists who have just pulled off the Middle East equivalent of selling Brooklyn Bridge can apply their bargaining acumen and wry senses of humour to still more ways of bamboozling the world.

We should laugh, if only it were remotely funny. But the momentary awkward pause for reflection on the Arab side, accompanied by the inevitable manifestations of feelings of betrayal, hopelessness and concern for the future which are beginning to erupt among us, remind us of just how serious this drama is. It is not nearly as farcical as it is tragic.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I TUESDAY COMMENTS on response to the statement Prime Minister Mudar Badran made on Monday before the National Consultative Council (NCC) concerning the efforts exerted by His Majesty King Hussein to render successful the conference of the Arab foreign and economy ministers recently held in Baghdad.

The unanimous support, the paper says, with which the government statement was met, reiterates the determination of the Jordanian people to isolate all elements which attempt to dislodge Jordan from its stand which is the achievement of a comprehensive peace based on full Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied territories, foremost of which is Jerusalem.

"We hope that the efforts made by His Majesty King Hussein will continue so that we will be able to achieve genuine Arab solidarity and build up the indigenous Arab strength necessary for unified Arab action," the paper concludes.

Commenting on the same subject, AL DUSTOUR says that the Premier's statement points out three basic facts concerning Jordan's stand with respect to the serious developments which have followed the signing of the Camp David agreement.

First, Jordan's position in rejecting the Camp David accords--for not offering a just solution to the Palestinian problem--is clear and firm. Second, Jordan's attitude, which manifested itself in the endeavors it made to salvage and render successful the conference of the Arab foreign and economy ministers, is positive.

The third fact, the paper says, is that Jordan insists on the adoption by Arabs of a unified strategy for speeding up the building up of indigenous Arab strength.

Following the Camp David accords, the paper continues, Arabs rejecting the Egyptian-Israeli treaty have become targets of plots designed to dissipate Arab strength, and prevent mobilisation of Arab forces.

In view of this fact, adopting a unified working plan and building up indigenous Arab strength become urgent necessities. "Jordan's courageous stand will infuriate those who exert pressures against it," the paper says.

The paper further adds that in view of Jordan's firm stand, it is not difficult to guess why Israel has returned to the subject of a substitute homeland for the Palestinians. "Jordan, which will never submit to any overt or covert threats, will never accept a substitute homeland for the Palestinians. The enemy and his accomplices would make a mistake to believe that Arabs will concede Palestine or Jerusalem, and abandon their people in the occupied territories," the paper concludes.

Locally refinanced JD 3.6 m. loan to Jordan-Syria Transport Co. signed

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 3--A consortium of four Jordanian banks today signed a JD 3.6 million loan for

the joint Jordanian-Syrian Land Transport Company, in a move that illustrates the growing capability of local banks to provide medium- and long-term financing

for Jordanian companies.

The loan, managed by the year-old Arab Jordan Investment Bank (AJIB), and provided by AJIB, the Housing Bank, the Arab Bank and Petra Bank, pays off a previous \$12 million loan the transport company obtained two years ago with a syndicate of international banks led by the Paris-based Frab-Bank International.

The new loan is for seven years at an annual interest rate of eight and one-half per cent, and is guaranteed jointly by the Syrian and Jordanian governments. It has a two-year grace period.

The previous loan for \$12 million from Frab-Bank International was for six years at an interest rate of one and one-eighth per cent over the London inter-bank rate, or about 12 per cent at current rates.

General Manager of the Jordanian-Syrian Land Transport Company Ali Obeidat told the Jordan Times after the signing ceremony that the loan is being used to finance the purchase of new trucks that are already in use. The company now runs a fleet of 200 trucks of various sizes and kinds, including refrigerated vehicles. The trucks are used on routes throughout the Middle East and occasionally for a trip to Europe.

He also said that the company should show a small profit for 1977, only one year after starting operations in 1975. The company's financial statement would be issued in a few weeks, he said.

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Cooperatives delegation leaves for Baghdad

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--A delegation representing Jordanian cooperatives left for Baghdad today for a several-day visit to Iraq at the invitation of the Iraqi farmers association. Talks between the delegation and Iraqi officials and members of the farmers association will deal with strengthening cooperation between cooperative societies in the two countries, a delegation spokesman said. During the visit the delegation will also tour cooperative societies' projects and will look into the role of cooperatives in social and economic development. The four-man delegation is led by Mr. Hassan Nabulsi, Director General of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation.

of Medina will arrive here tomorrow for a five-day visit to Jordan. The delegation, to be led by city mayor Sadaga Al Khashaqji, will hold talks with His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Ibrahim Ayyoub and the Mayor of Amman, Ma'an Abu Nawwar. In his talks with the official and with the Amman Urban Region Planning Group the Saudi official will discuss increasing cooperation between Amman and Medina in municipal affairs. He will also tour several projects carried out by the Amman Municipality.

Delegation of Soviet writers to visit

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--A delegation of Soviet writers is due here on April 16 for a week-long visit to Jordan at the invitation of the Ministry of Culture and Youth. During the visit the delegation will meet with Jordanian writers for an exchange of ideas and experiences and will be briefed on the various activities of writers in Jordan.

Medina Municipal Council delegation expected

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--A delegation from the Municipal Council of the Saudi Arabian city

Upper House supports call for speakers meet

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--The Upper House of Parliament today announced its support for a call by the Syrian People's Council to hold a meeting of speakers of Arab parliaments to consider the serious challenges facing the Arab nation following the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli separate peace treaty and measures to offset its effects. The House's support was contained in a cable sent today to Speaker of the Syrian People's Council, Mahmoud Haddad, by the speaker of the Upper House of Parliament, Bahjat Talhouani. Mr. Talhouani said he would be willing to attend such a meeting at any venue and date agreed upon.

Premier chairs ministerial committee

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--The higher ministerial committee entrusted with pursuing the implementation of development projects in the country held a four-hour meeting here today under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Mudar Badran. Subjects discussed included a plan for the development of the Irbid region, the government's subsidies to the Jordan Electricity Authority--to enable it to face the latest increases in fuel prices--and the financing of the Qa' Al Disi water project for Aqaba. The committee includes several ministers, the governor of the Central Bank and the president of the National Planning Council.

Indonesia, Malaysia to increase cultural, educational cooperation with Jordan

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--Minister of Education Abdul Salam Majali said here today that he explored with his Indonesian and Malaysian counterparts the scope of cooperation between Jordan and the two countries in the cultural and educational fields. Dr. Majali, who accompanied His Highness Crown Prince Hassan on his visit to Indonesia and Malaysia, said he discussed with the two officials the exchange of scientific and educational delegations and the granting of scholarships to Indonesian and Malaysian students to study at Jordanian educational institutions a programme to be prepared by the Jordanian Ministry of Education. During his visit Dr. Majali was briefed on various educational programmes in the two countries and he promised to provide books on Islamic education for their educational institutions.

Phosphate co. to build 100 housing units at Hasa

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--The Phosphate Mines Company will this year build 100 housing units for its employees and their families near the company's mines at Hasa, southeast of Karak, a company spokesman said here today. He said the major part of the project, estimated to cost JD 800,000, will be completed during this year.

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The poor millionaires of Italy

By Jawad Ahmad

THE CONCEPT of being a millionaire is one of the funniest notions in the world, for it is given various meanings by different people in different countries over different periods. To be a millionaire in Jordan, one must have at least three times as much income or wealth as a millionaire in the United States. This is simply so because a Jordanian dinar is worth three times more than one U.S. dollar. A millionaire in Italy is only 1/2300 as rich as his counterpart in Jordan.

While the world agrees on some sort of measure of poverty, it does not agree on a similar one for wealth. In the United Nations annals, one finds statements indicating that he who earns less than \$500 a year is poor. We never find a statement saying that he who earns \$1 million a year is a millionaire, from an international point of view.

The problem, however, does not stop here. When we say that Mr. John Doe is a millionaire, we never know whether he has wealth worth at least \$1 million or whether he has \$1 million as an annual income, or, last but not least, whether he has \$1 million in cash on him.

In everyday jargon, a millionaire is a man who owns things and does things that other people do not usually own and seldom do. He is a man who plays golf, is a member of an exclusive club, owns a private plane and can afford to be eccentric. Having \$1 million puts a man in "high" positions, and he suffers from the "air hostess syndrome." This new concept means that a passenger always sees the air hostess as being beautiful up in the skies, whether she is or not. A rich man is seen as beautiful. But does he see things as beautiful up there?

According to fiction, the super-rich person is often shown as a man who is in dire need of one of

the basic things in life, such as children, sex, stability, and is usually more than willing to do anything for that thing. Is this really an attempt to uplift the morale of the poor?

I am one of those people who sympathize with the rich, affluent people. Take those Italian millionaires for example. They could lose wealth overnight if one of the following happens:

--If the government were to decide to change currency unit from the lira to the Italian, a worth one thousand lira. In this case millionaires would be transformed into middle class citizens.

--If the Italian currency were to continue devalued vis-a-vis other currencies and millionaires were to smuggle his wealth out of the country to destination. There are cases of course, such as Sophia Loren and Carlo.

--If the Red Brigades or ordinary gang were to kidnap the son of such a millionaire hold him for a ransom of one million lire.

But seriously, it is in the interest of that a measure of affluence be institutionalized at the international level. In this way we reduce the marginal millionaires to a number. Moreover, such a measure of instrumental in curbing the ill effects of a distribution of wealth.

A balanced and equitable distribution does not look only at who is poor, but also who is rich. Once we know both we will be able to determine how much we should tax whom and give to whom.

Wealth is a relative concept because it is relative. In order to eliminate the second know the first. How about that?

National News Roundup...

Saudi Arabian police officers begin 8-week course

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--An eight-week course in traffic control for Saudi Arabian police officers opened at the Royal Police Academy here today. In an address to the participants the Director General of the Public Security Directorate, Maj. Gen. Ghazi Arabiyah, said the course is part of a programme of cooperation between Jordanian and Saudi Arabian police forces, and Jordan is willing to run courses on various aspects of police work for police officers of other Arab states. The opening ceremony was attended by the Saudi Arabian military attache and senior officers from the Public Security Directorate.

Fund loans JD 2m. in 3 months

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--The Municipal and Village Loan Fund has granted loans totaling JD 2,000,000 to municipal councils around the country over the past three months, the fund's director general, Hafez Tal, said here today. He said the money was used to finance projects connected with public services in their regions. The projects included: road construction, school-building, and water, electricity and sewerage projects.

Jordan Hotels Society holds annual meet

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--The Jordan Hotels Society held its annual general assembly meeting here today at which it elected a new board to serve for a two-year term. Present at the meeting was Hamdi Hadidi representing the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and Yasser Abu Saoud, President of the Jordan Society of Travel Agents. The new board members are: Zubeir Ajlouni (president), Samir Sawalha (vice president) Mohammad Qawasm (secretary), Michael Nazzari (treasurer) and Nabil Sa'adeh, Abdul Karim Barghouti, Hanna Tarazi, Fakhri Tawal, and Damen Al Damen as members. Members of the assembly also discussed during the meeting amendment of the societies statutes and several other matters.

61 merchants referred to military court

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--The Ministry of Supply today referred 61 merchants of various governorates to the military court for violating ministry regulations and tampering with prices.

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Military governor approves 8 drug and money convictions

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--The general military governor approved eight verdicts passed down by the military court. Five convicted received sentences of six years imprisonment, labour and the payment of JD 5000 for smuggling counterfeit and hashish into the country. Two other people were given prison sentences with hard labour and the payment of JD one received a 15-year sentence with hard labour and the payment of JD 5000 for possession of a dangerous drug.

Automobile Club to set up summer lawn programme

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA)--The Royal Automobile Club is a four-month lawn tennis training programme for this season. The club said here today. The coach for the programme is Harold Malabar from the United Kingdom who is training both individuals and groups in the programme due April 25.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Book Exhibit

The Goethe Institute presents an exhibition of children's in German and English, at the Preparatory Boys' School Zarga Camp. The exhibit is in commemoration of the national Year of the Child.

Jazz Concert

The Goethe Institute presents a concert by the Barreli Band of Frankfurt at the Haya Arts Centre at 7:30 p.m. are available at the Haya Arts Centre and the Goethe.

NOTICE TO ALL U.S. TAXPAYERS

Ms. CINDY HILL, U.S. Taxpayer Assistant, Amman from April 3 to April 7, in order to Citizens with Tax problems and answer questions concerning taxation. Ms. Hill will be available at the consulate to answer special questions on a first first served basis, from 1000 to 1600 on April 1100 to 1600 on April 5, and in the commercial downtown from 0900 to 1300 on April 7.

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Five major contracts to be awarded by Fertiliser Company

By Rami G. Khouri
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 3 -- Five major contracts covering most of the remaining work on the country's second largest industrial project -- the \$300 million chemical fertiliser plant at Aqaba -- will be awarded in the next seven months. Jordan Fertiliser Industry Company Ltd. General Manager, Dr. Mahmud Mardi, told the Jordan Times here today.

The company is now evaluating the offers of live international companies which have submitted bids to help the JFIC establish and run its own marketing operation during the first years of production. The chosen company will provide international market reports, the use of its existing international marketing network (such as office space), training for Jordanian staff, assistance in generally selling Jordanian chemical fertilisers abroad, and, for the first few years, guaranteeing the sale of a certain amount of output of the Jordanian plant. Dr. Mardi said sales of somewhere around 200,000 tons a year might be guaranteed by the chosen marketing company to begin with, after the Aqaba plant starts producing in the first half of 1981.

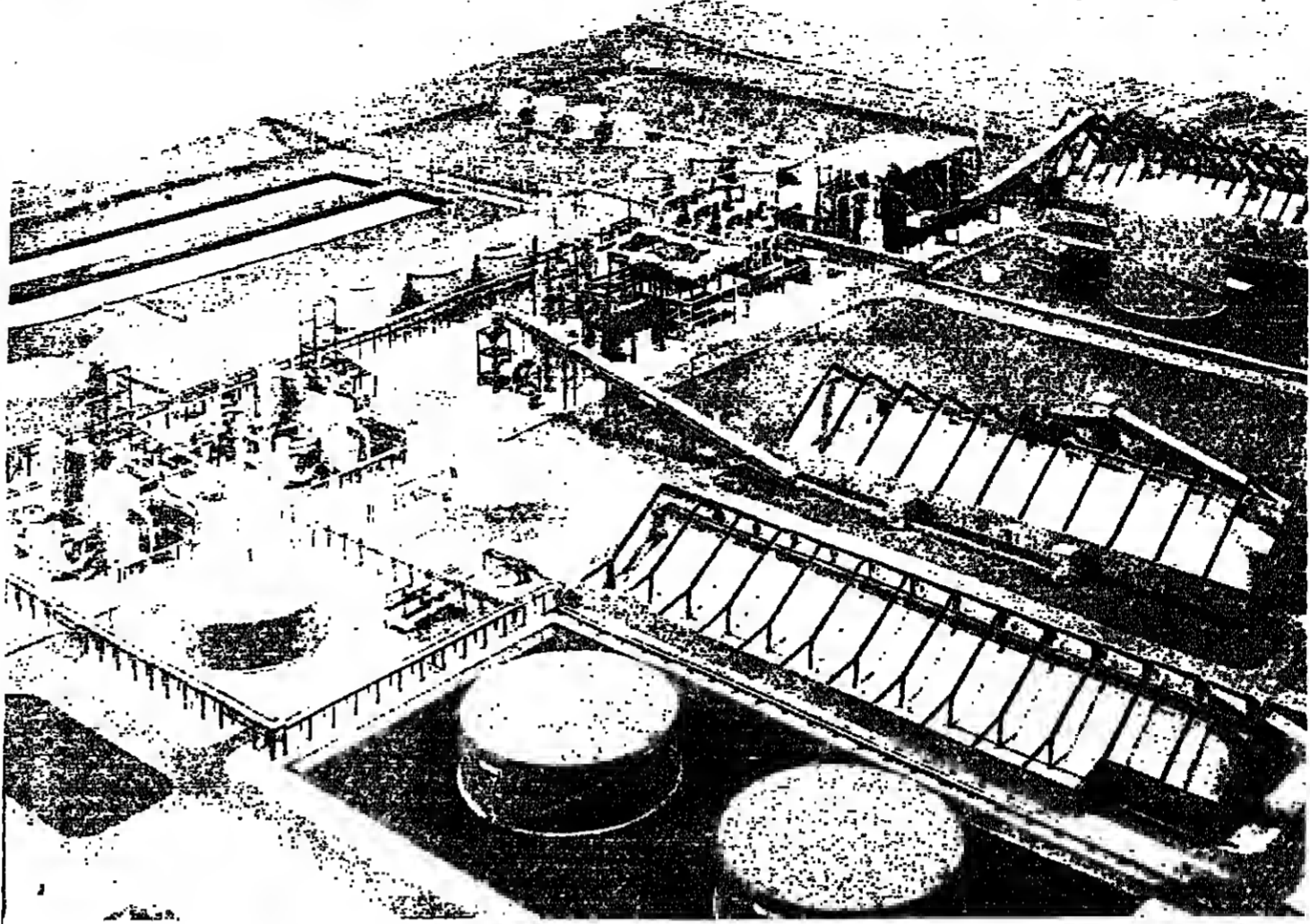
The JFIC's plant at Aqaba will process 1.3 million tons of Jordanian raw phosphate rock into 740,000 metric tons of diammonium phosphate and 105,000 tons a year of phosphoric acid.

Dr. Mardi said it has not yet been decided whether one marketing partner will be chosen to help JFIC sell its products all over the world, or whether, as the potash company is doing, two or three separate firms will be hired to undertake marketing activities in different parts of the globe.

A decision on the marketing partner will be made in June, Dr. Mardi said. He named the five companies that have submitted offers as Fisons (UK), Mitsubishi (Japan), Metallgesellschaft AG (West Germany), Woodward and Dickerson (USA) and International Ore and Fertilizer (USA). Both Mitsubishi and Woodward and Dickerson have reached preliminary agreements to act as marketing partners for the potash company in the Far East and North and South America respectively.

The contract to transport to Aqaba most of the mechanical equipment required for the various units of the fertiliser complex will be awarded this month, Dr. Mardi said. Ten bids have been submitted for this contract.

The next contract to be awarded after that will be for construction of the seawater intake system, which will circulate four million gallons of seawater per hour to cool the production facilities. Ten



A scale model of the Aqaba fertiliser plant.

bids have been submitted for this contract.

The two other major contracts to be awarded this summer and autumn are for the installation of the mechanical and electrical works for the entire fertiliser complex.

Tender documents for the electrical work are now with the ten international firms that have pre-qualified for the job. Their bids will be submitted in May and a decision is expected in June or July.

International companies have already been invited to prequalify for the mechanical installation contract, which is scheduled to be awarded in September or October, Dr. Mardi said.

He added that the total value of the transport, seawater intake, mechanical and electrical installation contracts will be over \$100 million. These would come on top of the \$150 million that have been committed already for civil works and purchase of the equipment for the project. The total cost of the project is expected to be around \$300 million, excluding the port.

This will be covered by the JFIC equity capital of JD 40 million (or about \$135 million) and commercial and soft loans of \$173 million, which have all been secured from the Kuwaiti, Abu Dhabi and Iraqi lending funds, the Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation, the French government, French commercial banks, the International Finance Corporation and

a consortium of Arab and international commercial banks.

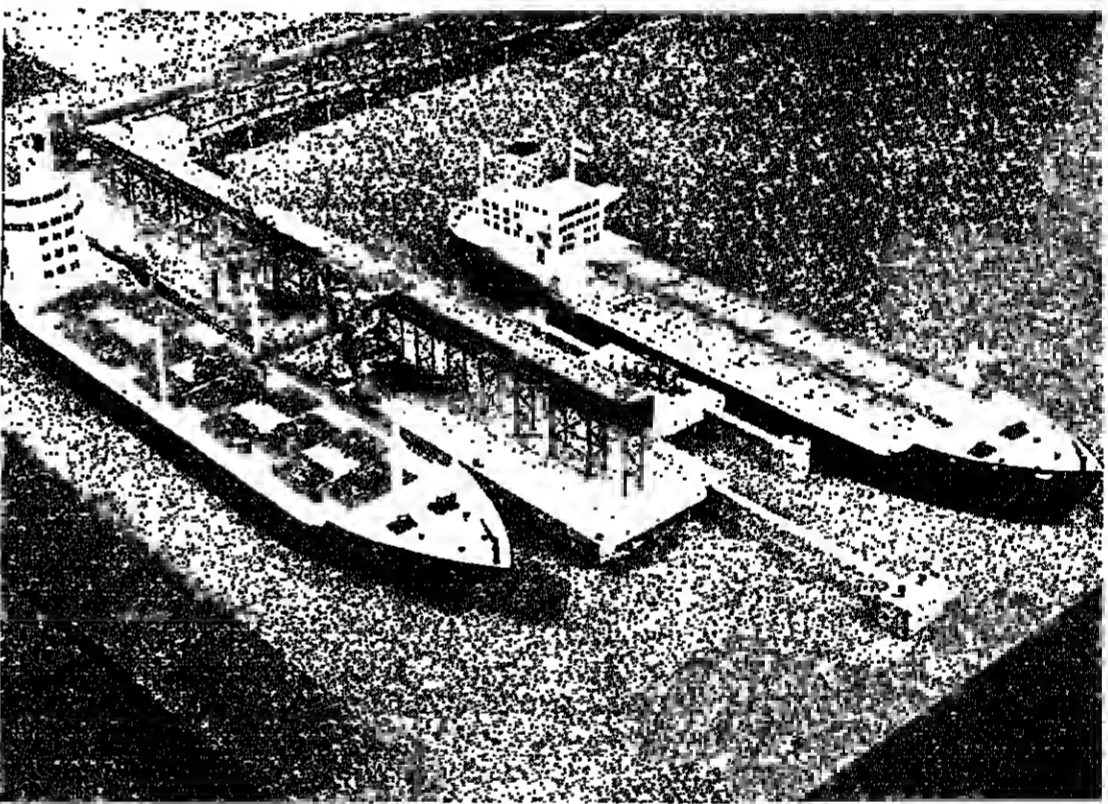
The equity capital is held by the Jordanian government (26 per cent), the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (25), International Finance Corporation (5), Arab Mining Company (10).

Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation (10), Islamic Development Bank (4.125), Jordanian Pension Fund (2.5), and the Arab Bank (0.5), the Jordan Postal Savings Fund (0.75) and the Industrial Development Bank (0.625). A share offering of 15.5 per cent

of the capital is now being made to the Jordanian public.

Spie Batignolles of France is general contractor for the whole project, with Mitsui Toatsu Chemical Company of Japan as technical assistants.

A special two-berth port is part



The special two berth port, which is already under construction, will be able to handle a 50,000 ton ship and another 30,000 ton ship simultaneously.

of the project, but is being paid for by the Jordanian government. It is already under construction by the West German contractors Zuhlín, and will accommodate a 50,000-ton ship and a 30,000-ton ship simultaneously.

A second port that has been built alongside the project and is now being used as a temporary facility to unload the equipment required for the fertiliser complex may be kept in use after the plant starts working, Dr. Mardi revealed. He said it may be used permanently to unload the sulphur that will have to be imported, and which is one of the raw materials for producing chemical fertilisers. The port could also be used to unload fuel oil, which will also have to be imported to power the electricity-generating station being built as part of the fertiliser complex.

This would allow the main port to be used exclusively for fertiliser exports and as well as exports of potash, as the new port will be shared with the potash company.

The two raw materials which will have to be imported are sulphur and ammonia, both of which can be found in sufficient quantities in the Arab World. At full production, the fertiliser plant will need 360,000 tons a year of sulphur and 17,000 tons a year of ammonia. Contacts have already been made with prospective Arab suppliers of these products, and firm agreements for their provision will have to be made before the end of this year, Dr. Mardi said.

Dr. Mardi also said that a JD 1 million housing estate in Aqaba has been purchased for use by the fertiliser project's senior personnel. It will house 95 engineers and their families, but is now being used by the general contractor's staff.

The fertiliser company has also asked the Housing Corporation to provide 150 housing units by the end of this year and another 150 next year for permanent staff housing. When it is running at full capacity, the fertiliser complex will have a permanent staff at Aqaba of 600 people.

Dr. Mardi also explained that means of cooperation and coordination with the potash and phosphate companies are being explored in detail. They are examining, for example, a unified code of regulations for employees, joint training of personnel, coordination in drawing up international contracts, joint technical work, such as common workshops or repair facilities, and joint transport facilities, including standardising purchases of trucks and cars to allow for savings in spare parts and maintenance.

There is also the possibility that eventually the three large mineral-based companies (phosphates, potash and chemical fertilisers) would form a unified marketing office to coordinate their international sales efforts.

Birzeit University stands despite oppression

By S. Tesdell
The Jordan Times

April 3--Birzeit University recently embarked on an intensive expansion which is designed to bring need for quality or Palestinian students. Birzeit University President Dr. Nasir told the Jordan Times in an interview that the new building "will be the end of the summer." The new building is a four-story building in the town of Birzeit. It is a modern building with a large hall, a library, and a four-story building in the town of Birzeit. It is a modern building with a large hall, a library, and a four-story building in the town of Birzeit.

Nasir's most important since being exiled from the Bank in November 1967. Israeli occupation has been to raise funds for projects.

Other the continual of the Israelis would be from graduating academic year, Dr. Nasir said it would not be a problem at the university. These are the faculties of arts, sciences (311) and business (234). The graduate in education has and there are 18 special

iversity was first a school in 1924. It is a secondary school in an instruction at the university level in 1953, the first B.A. degree by the university. University members during the past

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university appealed for support: "We call upon other universities and concerned institutions and individuals to support Birzeit University's struggle to maintain its vital academic freedom and political independence."

On Nov. 29, 1978, Felicia Langer, the noted attorney who often defends Palestinians in Israeli courts, reported on her visit to several prisons where she had met with detained students. All of her clients, she reported, were suspected by the Israelis of political activity. Some of them reported having been tortured while in prison.

More recently, the university issued a statement concerning the actions of the Israeli soldiers on March 12, 1979. A strike was declared for March 13 protest of severe harassment.

The university demanded that "a full and just inquiry be conducted into the matter, that the Israeli officials responsible be brought to justice, and that no similar occurrence take place in our country."

The March 12 events began with an army checkpoint being set up on the road to Birzeit. A demonstration against President Carter's visit ended with the shooting of four persons by Israeli soldiers. At 1:30 a curfew was imposed on the university. During the afternoon many of the town's residents were searched and the military governor of the West Bank called a university official in for a meeting at the Birzeit Post Office.

By 9:30 p.m. the curfew was lifted and students and staff were allowed to leave Birzeit for home.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Khamasin conditions will end tomorrow. There will be a drop in temperatures and an improvement in visibility. Winds will be northerly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas will be calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
low	15	30
Amman	15	30
Aqaba	22	35
Deserts	15	30
Jordan		
Valley	20	34

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	298.00/300.00
U.K. sterling	617.00/621.00
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Japanese yen (for every 100)	140.80/141.70
Dutch guilder	146.90/147.80
Belgian franc (for every 100)	101.00/101.00
Swedish crown	68.00/68.40

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
PETROLEUM Co.	JD 5.000	4,676	6.700	6.720	6.700
Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	3,107	—	23.500	23.250
Bank of Amman	JD 1.000	525	1.040	1.060	1.050
Industrial Development and Investment Co.	JD 1.000	2,205	2.450	2.500	2.450
Mining Co.	JD 1.000	278	0.920	0.940	0.930
Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	1,575	1.400	1.410	1.400
Ceramic Industries	JD 1.000	2,872	—	0.910	0.870
Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	2,310	—	—	1.050
Time and Brick Industries Co.	JD 5.000	1,290	4.250	4.300	4.300
Bank of Amman	JD 1.000	70	1.370	1.400	1.400
Bank of Amman	JD 5.000	5,306	—	—	7.350
Investment Bank	JD 1.000	330	1.080	1.130	1.100
National Bank	JD 5.000	1,087	—	6.700	7.450
Bank of Amman	JD 5.000	2,311	—	—	6.620
Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1.000	187	0.720	—	0.720
Chemical & Detergents Co.	JD 1.000	56	—	1.130	1.130

Volume traded, Tuesday, April 3: JD 28,185
Number of shares traded: 11,266

	Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
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JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Top eight players draw in seventh round of chess tournament

LONE PINE, California, April 3 (R)—The top eight players all drew their seventh round games as they consolidated their positions in the Lone Pine International Chess Tournament here last night. Dragutin Shtovic of Yugoslavia drew with Florin Gheorghiu of Romania to retain his slender lead on five-and-a-half points with two more games to go. On the next boards, Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia drew with William Lombardi of the United States. American Julio Kaplan drew with Gennadi Sosonko of Holland and Israeli Vladimir Liberman drew with Yasser Seirawan of the United States. All of them, along with Gheorghiu, maintain their second place on five points. However, this cautious play by the leaders allowed some of the pre-tournament favourites to climb back within striking distance. Third seed Vlastimil Hort of Czechoslovakia beat American Nick de Firmian, and second seed Bent Larsen of Denmark won a sparkling clash with Soviet emigre Anatoly Leon, now of the United States; both now have five points. Top seed Viktor Korchnoi of Switzerland produced a queen sacrifice for rook, bishop and pawn to John Greco of the United States and now has four-and-a-half points.

outpointed Adly Azab Fayek (Egypt).
Light middleweight semi final: Rubiab Sangnuan (Thailand) outpointed Ayoub Abdel Zahir (Egypt).

West Indies win over Australia

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP)—Gordon Greenidge unleashed a succession of breathtaking shots in a quick-fire 75 which led the West Indies to victory over Australia in a one-day limited overs World Series Cricket (WSC) match, Monday in Trinidad. It was the fourth successive victory for the West Indies over the Australians in the WSC one-day matches and stretched their lead in the series for the current tour to 7-2.

Soviet champion to enter chess contest

TILBURG, Holland, April 3 (R)—Soviet world champion Anatoly Karpov will compete in the third "Interpolis" Chess Tournament here from November 1 to 16, the organisers announced. The organisers said the Soviet Chess Federation in Moscow had confirmed that Karpov would take part in the tournament along with two other leading Soviet grand masters not yet named. The participation of Karpov and promises to take part by international grand masters Jan Timman of Holland, Bent Larsen of Denmark and Vlastimil Hort of Czechoslovakia meant the tournament would be recognised as an international Chess Federation contest, the organising committee said.

Italy's Emerson to face Yugoslavia in basketball match

GRENOBLE, France, April 3 (R)—Emerson Varese, Italy's top basketball team, go into the men's European champions' cup final against Bosna Sarajevo of Yugoslavia here on Thursday suffering from four successive defeats. Emerson experienced their latest reverse on Sunday when Nerox of Milan beat them 81-74. Coach Edmondo Rusconi said "their heads were in Grenoble." Key player Dino Meneghin was injured and missed the match but should be fit to face Bosna. Despite the run of defeats, Emerson still head the Italian first division and qualified for the six team play-offs. Bosna finished fourth behind winners Partizan Belgrade in the Yugoslav national championship which ended at the weekend.

Expulsion of Taiwan from IAAF ruled invalid

LONDON, April 3 (R)—The expulsion of Taiwan from the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) last October was ruled invalid by a British high court judge here yesterday. "Both Chinas can be and are members of the IAAF simultaneously," Mr. Justice Forbes said. Chung Hui Ruo, Secretary General of Taiwan's track and field association, was not in court to hear the success of her action against Frederick Holder and Adrian Patten, respectively president and treasurer of the IAAF. The case was heard in London because the federation's headquarters are there. Holder said afterwards that the federation would be issuing a statement within the next 24 hours setting its position in the light of the court ruling.

King's Cup boxing results

BANGKOK, April 3 (R)—Selected results in the fifth King's Cup Boxing Tournament here yesterday:
Light flyweight semi final: Kim Myung-Wan (South Korea)

Veteran planes still fly over England

LONDON—Historic aircraft dating back to World War I take to the air regularly at Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, 45 miles North of London. The aerodrome is the home of the remarkable Shuttleworth Collection, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1978. Open to the public throughout the year, the collection was founded by the late Richard Shuttleworth, whose aim was that every exhibit — early road vehicles as well as aircraft — should be kept in working order.

As well as the static display, there are regular flying days and pageants throughout the summer months: the first flying days in 1979 are to be held on April 16, May 27, and June 24. The season continues with a Military Air Pageant on July 29, a flying day on Aug. 26 and an Air Pageant on September 30. The aircraft include a Blériot similar to that which made the first crossing of the English Channel from France in 1909; English and German aircraft of World War I; between-the-wars civil and military aircraft; and Spitfire and Hurricane fighters from World War II.

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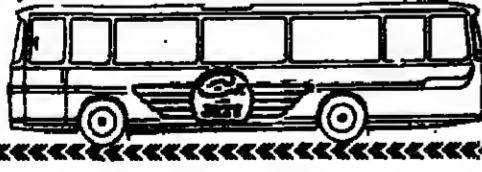
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A Lightner double asks for an unusual lead, so West immediately ruled out a diamond. From his hand it was obvious what lead his partner wanted. With his spade length, it was quite likely that his partner was void, so he led the king of spades. Declarer blithely called for dummy's ace and was startled to see East ruff. East returned a trump, and declarer could come to no more than eleven tricks—six trump tricks in dummy, four ruffs in his own hand and the ace of clubs.

East's double should have alerted declarer to the possibility of the 6-0 spade division. To counter that, declarer should simply play a low spade from dummy at trick one. No matter what the defenders do, declarer will now be able to ruff dummy's four remaining low spades in his hand, using the ace of clubs and minor suit ruffs as entries to the table, then get back to dummy to draw the outstanding trumps. Declarer would, therefore, collect the same eleven tricks as before but, in addition, he would score the ace of spades for the fulfilling trick.

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by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

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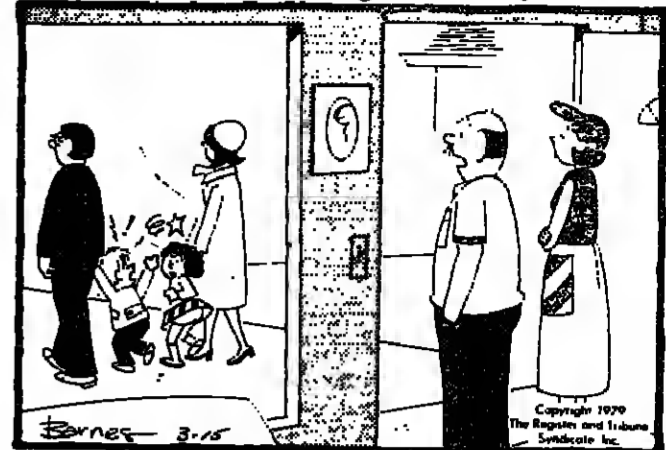
Now arrange the circled letters to
form the surprise answer, as sug-
gested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: CABLE SAUTE VASSAL ABACUS
Answer: During a water shortage, this advice—with
some people—is often useless—
"USE LESS!"

THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes

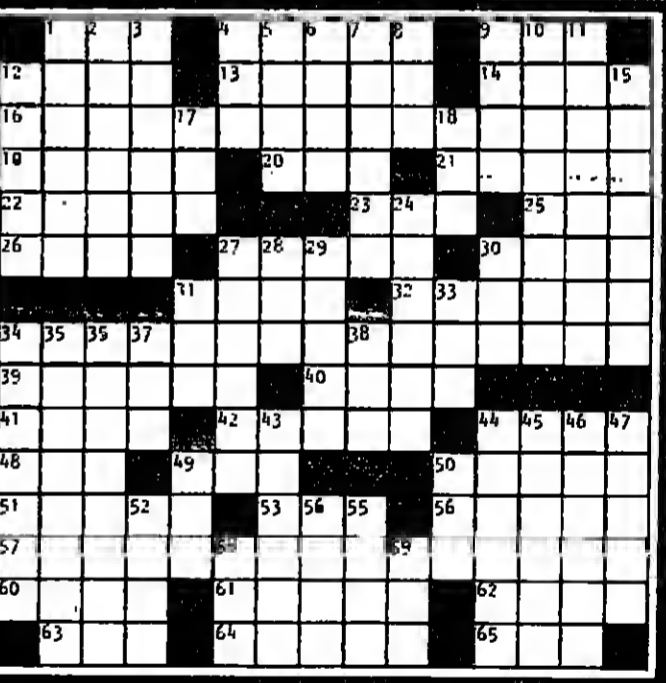


"Do you know where I can rent a gorilla so we can stop by THEIR place unexpectedly?"

THE Daily Crossword

by Dorothea E. Shipp

ACROSS	25 Outside:	51 "— long:	15 Birds in
1 Drs.	26 Vows —	53 Neckline	17 Pease
8 Nader	27 Ala —	54 shape	18 Royalty
9 But, in	30 Grafted:	56 Perfume	19 initials
12 Teasdale	31 Zoo home	57 Moves from	24 High homes
13 Certain	32 Spite	60 Biblical	27 Neighbor of
14 Uganda	34 Get into	61 — fatuous	28 Ripen
16 Taking	39 — dme	62 Mountain:	29 Remainder,
18 chances	40 Even	63 pref.	30 School
19 Horatio —	41 Denote	64 Call-up	31 subject
20 "— clear	42 Sediment	65 initial	32 Motel extra
21 Lacoste and	43 Riches	66 Necklace	33 Also
22 Descartes	44 French	67 His: Fr.	34 High-flown
23 Farm imple-	45 occasion	DOWN	35 Discovers
ment man	48 Chinese	1 Croquet	36 Properties
negative	50 Craze	2 adjunt	37 Miss Fabray
		3 Candy	38 friends
		4 Peter	39 Fruit
		5 Wimsey's	40 Destroy
		6 creator	41 Sympathetic
		7 Reagan to	42 emotion
		8 his friends	43 Complete
		9 Jason's	44 Croppers
		10 ship	45 Walls —
		11 Shear materi-	46 Expression
		12 of disdain	47 50 Small rug
		13 Adaptable	48 Summer fare
		14 White House	49 Lab burner
		15 monogram	50 Arthurian
		16 Secure	51 lady
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		20 Shovel	



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JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 3	CHANNEL 6
5:30 Quran	6:30 French programme
5:45 Cartoons	7:00 News in French
6:00 Yogi bear	7:30 News in Hebrew
7:00 The Prince	8:30 Comedy
7:30 Arabic programme	9:10 Centennial
8:00 News in Arabic	10:00 News in English
9:30 T.V. Magazine	10:15 History of Navigation
10:20 Arabic series	10:40 Quinny
11:20 News in Arabic	

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign on	14:00 News bulletin
7:01 Morning show	14:10 Music
7:30 News Bulletin	14:30 Stars unlimited
7:40 Morning show	15:00 Concert hour
10:00 News summary	16:00 News summary
10:30 30 minute theatre	16:30 Easy listening
11:00 Signing off	16:50 Pedagogical pop
12:00 Signing on and news headlines	17:00 30 minutes of jazz
12:03 Radioteque	17:30 Radioteque
13:00 News summary	18:00 News Summary
13:03 Radioteque	18:05 Hay On The Yagum
	18:30 As I see it (Jazz Rice)
	19:00 News Bulletin
	19:10 News reports
	19:20 Sign off

BBC RADIO

GMT	13:30 A Jolly Good Show
04:00 Newstalk	14:15 Report on Religion
04:30 Moment Musical	14:30 They taught the World to Play
04:45 Financial News: Reflections	15:00 Radio Newswel
05:00 News: 24 Hours	15:15 Outlook
05:30 Sarah Ward	16:00 News: Commentary
05:45 World Today	16:15 The More Equality—The Less Freedom
06:00 Newstalk	16:30 English Song
06:30 Jazz for the Asking	16:45 World Today
07:00 News: 24 Hours	17:00 News: Book Choice
07:30 Sarah Ward	17:15 Discovery
07:45 Report on Religion	17:45 Sports Round-up
08:00 News: Reflections	18:00 News: News about Britain
09:00 News, Press Review	18:15 Radio Newswel
09:15 World Today	18:30 Top Twenty
09:30 Financial News	19:00 Outlook: News Summary
09:40 Look Ahead	19:30 Stock Market
09:45 Offbeat with Brenden	19:45 Report on Religion
10:15 The More Equality—The Less Freedom	20:00 News: 24 Hours
10:30 The Amman Spring Quartet	20:30 Talkabout
11:00 News, News about Britain	21:00 Network U.K.
11:15 Poetry and Music	21:15 Nature Notebook
11:30 Farming World	21:30 These Musical Islands
12:00 Radio Newswel	22:00 News, World Today
12:15 Thirty Minutes Theatre	22:25 Financial News
12:45 Sports Round-up	22:35 Book Choice: Radioteque
13:00 News: 24 Hours	22:45 Sports Round-up
	23:00 News: Commentary

VOICE OF AMERICA

GMT	19:00 News Roundup:
03:30 The Breakfast Show:	reports, opinion,
06:30 News, pop music,	analysis
features, forecasts,	
questions,	
17:00 News Roundup:	19:30 VOA Magazine:
reports, opinion,	Americans, science,
analysis,	culture, letters,
20:00 Special English: news	
20:15 Music USA (Jazz)	
21:00 VOA World Report	
22:00 News, Correspondents'	
reports, background	
features, media	
commentary, analysis,	
18:30 New Music USA	

AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS:	DEPARTURES:
7:40 Doha, Kuwait	8:00 Beirut
8:25 Muscat, Doha (RJ/GF)	8:40 Beirut (MEA)
8:45 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ/GF)	9:30 Agtha
9:00 Jeddah	10:10 Rome (AZ)
9:15 Dhahran (AZ)	10:10 Athens, Amsterdam (KLM)
10:20 Beirut	10:30 Baghdad
11:10 Agtha	12:00 London, Athens
12:05 Kuwait (KAC)	13:00 Kuwait (KAC)
13:00 Bahrain, Laraca (Taron)	13:00 Cairo
13:15 Laraca (CY)	14:15 Laraca, Bahrain (Taron)
14:20 Laraca (CY)	17:00 Cairo
18:30 Cairo	17:30 Kuwait
18:50 Jeddah (SDI)	20:00 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ/GF)
19:00 Beirut (MEA)	20:00 Jeddah (SDI)
19:20 Amsterdam, Brussels, Geneva	20:30 Baghdad
21:40 London (BA)	21:30 Dhahran
22:30 Frankfurt, Munich, Damascus (LH)	23:40 Rawalpindi (BA)
23:39 Cairo	03:10 Dhahran (AZ)
02:10 Rome (AZ)	

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CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

American Centre	Tel. 41520
British Council	36478-8
French Cultural Centre	37009
Soviet Cultural Centre	41993
Spanish Cultural Centre	44369
Haya Arts Centre	44949
Hassan Youth City	62195
Y.W.C.A.	67181
Amman Municipal Library	41793
University of Jordan Library	64251
Casual Museum	36111
Folklore Museum	36191

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue	34391-4
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36381-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	39141
Najdah towing patrol rescue police (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency	21111, 37777
Airport information (ALIA)	55205
Jordan Television	73111
Radio, English Section	74124
Fire station, fire, police	19
Fire headquarters	63111
	32090

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Haura Theatre	Tel. 229-448
Al Sha'bi Art Gallery	228-527
Time (in Arabic)	99A
American Centre	552-362
Arab Cultural Centre	734-727
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	557-901
British Cultural Centre	533-594
Deutsche Demokratische Republik Cultural Centre	533-632
French Cultural Centre	330-694
Kabbani Theatre	222-016
National Museum	114-854
Soviet Cultural Centre	225-650
Spanish Cultural Centre	314-003
Umbria Art Gallery	334-619
Zabihya Public Library	111-318
West German Cultural Institute	224-954

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 90
Chamber of Commerce	118-339
Electric Power Co. (repair)	223-887
Fire headquarters	314-003
Information	9597
Municipal water service	113-500

Pakistan has 'state secrets' after raids on Bhutto residences

ISLAMABAD, April 3 (R) -- The Pakistan Government said today it had seized state secrets in raids on three homes owned by condemned former premier Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

The dramatic announcement was made after Mr. Bhutto's wife and daughter spent two and a half hours in his death cell at Rawalpindi district prison.

The raid was an unusually long one, more than 10 hours, and led to the seizure of a large number of documents, including state secrets, and foreign affairs, were recovered," the note said.

The government said it acted after receiving reliable information "that an organised effort was being made to smuggle out certain top state secret documents which were reported to have been removed earlier by the ex-premier from his official residence."

The press note said most of the documents were found in the Karachi residence "hidden in obscure places such as secret closets in the bathrooms, inside

Guerrilla leader urges his forces to increase attacks against targets in Rhodesia

ISLAMABAD, April 3 (R) -- Rhodesian nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo urged his guerrilla forces to step up their attacks on military and economic targets in Rhodesia and consolidate their gains.

Mr. Nkomo's call, in the form of a letter to the guerrillas here, appeared to mark the start of a new phase in the struggle against the white-minority government, due to take place in Rhodesia later this year.

Mr. Nkomo, leader of the Patriotic Front alliance, said the guerrillas had been ordered to "increase the intensity of their attacks on the ZAPU controlled areas."

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U.S. pays tribute to slain ZAPU leader amid tight security

LONDON, April 3 (R) -- Britain's Foreign Office paid tribute today to the slain ZAPU leader, Mr. Joshua Nkomo, who was killed in a car bombing in Salisbury, Rhodesia, on March 21.

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Mining China

By Ken Morrison

BEIJING -- When a nation of more than 900 million people sets its sights on rapidly becoming a major industrialized country, the first step on the road to the world is the appearance of a shopping list of mineral resources. That is what is happening today in the People's Republic of China.

After 30 years of slow growth under the Mao regime, we are seeing the unleashing of an enormous pent-up demand for better living standards. At the same time, of course, China recognizes the urgency of the need to expand and rebuild her outdated and forces us to counter to the growing military might of Soviet Russia.

China's shopping list includes steel, iron and steel complexes, eight oil, gas, coal, iron ore, bauxite, gold, lead and zinc, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, tin, tungsten and uranium. Even diamonds have been found in the Shanghai Province where the 158 carat Chang Lin diamond turned up in 1977.

Present production of these minerals, however, falls far short of China's requirements. The country is particularly short of copper (which it is already importing on a large scale), lead, zinc and the

U.S. Defence Department says: Last SALT obstacles may be overcome in next 2 days

WASHINGTON, April 3 (R) -- The Soviet Union and the United States are near agreement on a new Strategic Arms Limitation (SALT) treaty and the last obstacles could be overcome in the next two days, Defence Department officials said.

If the forecast proves correct, SALT II could be signed at a summit meeting as early as next month. Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's health presents a complicating factor, but U.S. officials cited two reasons why the signing should take place in Washington instead of Moscow.

They hope a visit by the Soviet leader will help the administration win the two-thirds vote in the Senate required for U.S. ratification of the treaty. The second reason, more a protocol one, is that it is President Carter's turn to be host.

Six years in the making and bristling with provisions aimed at detecting cheating, the treaty is designed to permit mutual cutbacks in spending on the huge weapons systems that have sapped much of the two superpowers' wealth for decades.

The single issue said to be awaiting resolution is when to permit what is known in SALT jargon as "encryption," the use of coded missile test data to conceal from the other side what is being tested or how the test turns out. And at the Defence Department, officials were saying privately the last details of the treaty could be resolved as early as Thursday.

On Thursday, Defence Secretary Harold Brown will make a speech intended as the administration's major bid for support in the Senate where the treaty still needs votes. Mr. Brown's address in New York is to a joint meeting of two private organizations, the Foreign Policy Association and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Second-largest U.S. city expected to elect former debutante as mayor

CHICAGO, April 3 (R) -- A former debutante of 44 is set to make political history today by being elected mayor of the second largest U.S. city -- one of the strongest political posts outside the White House.

Chicago is expected to choose Mrs. Jane Byrne over her rival, Republican Wallace Johnson, an investment banker.

Just over a month ago Mrs. Byrne scored the biggest political upset in years by gaining the Democratic Party's nomination from incumbent Mayor Michael Bilandic, defeating him in a party primary election.

Mr. Bilandic was the chosen successor of the late Mayor Richard Daley, who ruled Chicago for years and built a formidable political machine.

Political commentators predict that the city's 1.4 million voters

S. African judicial inquiry clears cabinet members of involvement in funds scandal

CAPE TOWN, April 3 (R) -- A judge's inquiry yesterday cleared members of the South African cabinet of involvement in the "slush funds" scandal now rocking the government.

Prime Minister Pieter Botha had pledged to resign and call a new election if the finding had gone the other way.

The three-man judicial inquiry, headed by Judge Rudolf Erasmus, specifically exonerated Premier Botha, who is also defence minister, Senator Owen Horwood, the finance minister, and Dr. Piet Koornhof, minister for plural (black) relations.

It was the second interim report from the Erasmus Commission. The commission's first report last December exposed massive irregularities in the now defunct Information Department involving misuse of millions of dollars earmarked for South Africa's propaganda war.

Mr. Botha expanded the commission's terms of reference by asking it to make a special, urgent report on allegations that members of his cabinet had prior knowledge of the scandal, especially the secret funding of the pro-government newspaper, the Citizen.

Dealing with the former Information Department, the commission report said its findings unmistakably indicated "that the pollution does not spread wider

U.S. nuclear industry: 'On public trial for its lies'

By Evelyn Leopold

NEW YORK, April 3 (R) -- As scientists fight to contain the danger at Pennsylvania's leaking atom plant, the United States nuclear industry has gone on public trial for its lies.

The macabre experience of a near disaster at the Three Mile Island plant has alerted Americans more than ever before to the potential hazards of nuclear power.

Since the reactor leak was first announced last Wednesday, the demonstrations and public outcry have spread rapidly from New England to California.

"The nuclear industry," said Pennsylvania Republican Senator Richard Schweiker, "is on trial as it has never been before."

California Governor Edmund Brown asked that a similar plant in Sacramento be temporarily closed for inspection. "The (Pennsylvania) incident makes a lie of the soothing propaganda of nuclear zealots that serious nuclear accidents are nearly impossible," he said.

Mr. Robert Pollard, a former staffer of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the government agency in charge of safety in nuclear power plants, charged that problems similar to those at Three Mile Island, Harrisburg had turned up at seven other reactors from California to Florida -- but no one paid heed.

One early casualty of the accident will probably be a research nuclear reactor at Columbia University in the middle of New York City. The reactor has been in place for more than ten years but never activated, mainly because of community and student objections.

But even before the Three Mile Island incident, the nuclear industry's troubles were manifold.

Apart from increasing public suspicion on the benefits of nuclear energy, construction difficulties and relatively stringent safety regulations have delayed every conceivable project set by government and industry.

By 1980 the government had hoped to have 93 light-water reactors in operation. At present there are 70, generating about 13 per cent of the country's electricity supply but only four per cent of the total energy consumption.

In 1974, the industry believed an upswing was finally in sight as electric power companies ordered 26 reactors. Since then 30 orders were cancelled and last year only two contracts were signed.

Consequently, the price of construction has jumped to about \$1 billion per reactor, putting into doubt whether nuclear energy is really cheaper than coal or oil.

While studies show it costs less per kilowatt to use nuclear power, many experts believe it is four times higher than the current cost of oil when research and construction is included.

This year, the industry had hoped to turn back its critics and solidify its position as a form of energy in the country's economic structure -- mainly because of the rising cost of imported oil. But since January the industry has received a barrage of unwelcome publicity.

A special committee set up by President Carter said that finding a safe method of storing radioactive wastes for thousands of years now appeared more difficult than anticipated. The waste problem has already caused California and Wisconsin, in effect, to ban new plants until further study.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission closed down five plants on the east coast because of uncertainty of their ability to withstand a severe earthquake.

The NRC also rejected a landmark 1975 government report that estimated the probability of a serious accident at a nuclear reactor was one in 10,000 years. It said that was not extensive enough to make predictions of this sort.

The General Accounting Office (GAO), an arm of Congress, issued a report saying that most areas surrounding nuclear plants had grossly inadequate plans to evacuate the population.

Former workers at the now defunct Kerr-McGee plant, which

U.S. denies giving aid to Afghan rebels

WASHINGTON, April 3 (R) -- The State Department for the second time in ten days rejected yesterday Soviet allegations that the United States was aiding insurgents in Afghanistan.

It said in a formal statement that the latest allegations made last Thursday in the Soviet newspaper Pravda and on television were "slandorous and baseless."

It took particular issue with televised remarks by Mr. Leonid Zamyatin, chief of the Soviet Communist Party's Information Department and said they were "untruths."

Mr. Zamyatin had alleged that Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher had held talks with Pakistani officials in early March about transporting U.S. arms through Pakistan to dissident forces in Afghanistan.

Last week, the State Department said that the Soviet Union had stepped up a military airlift aiding the pro-Marxist Afghan Government of President Nur Muhammad Taraki, which seized power in a coup last year.

On March 23, State Department spokesman Mr. Hodding Carter rejected allegations that the U.S. was aiding insurgents fighting the Taraki government.

World New Briefs

Italy kidnap victim freed after 80 days

NOVARA, Italy, April 3 (R) -- Kidnap victim Mr. Giovanni N. doti was freed near this northern city late last night after 80 days of captivity. Relatives paid \$225 million (\$390,000) for his release, the Italian News Agency Ansa said. Mr. Morandotti, a 48-year-old surveyor, was in good health, police said, although he still bore marks of a head wound received during his abduction. At least 10 people have been kidnapped in Italy this year.

W. German leader begins Latin America tour

BONN, West Germany, April 3 (AP) -- West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt flew to Brazil today, first stop on a ten-day tour of Latin American countries that include Peru and the Dominican Republic. It marks the first time that a West German Chancellor has travelled to South America and it will be Mr. Schmidt's first official visit to Latin America since he became president. One of the main subjects for discussion was President Figueiredo was expected to be the two countries' economic cooperation. German investments in Brazil total about \$2.4 billion. Schmidt was scheduled to leave Brazil on April 7 after visits to Brasilia, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Salvador. After talks with the government of Peru, Mr. Schmidt was scheduled to make a trip in the Dominican Republic April 11.

U.S. raises national debt ceiling to \$380 billion

WASHINGTON, April 3 (R) -- The House of Representatives today approved raising the national debt ceiling to \$380 billion, hours before the government for the first time would have no money to pay its bills. After impassioned speech-making, members passed a bill permitting government borrowing of up to \$380 billion. The old debt bill allowing \$798 billion in debt expired a moment after midnight on Saturday. A minority of Republicans and conservative Democrats who opposed the amendment to the bill to balance the federal budget had blocked final approval of the measure for weeks. President Carter later signed the bill into law.

Stradivarius violin brings seller \$400,000

BOSTON, Massachusetts, April 3 (AP) -- A violin made 150 years ago by master craftsman Mr. Antonio Stradivari has been sold for \$400,000, the most ever paid for a stringed instrument. The instrument, special because it is one of the Stradivarius violins decorated with inlaid wood -- was bought by an anonymous collector. Mr. J. Bradley Taylor, a Boston violinist who owned the instrument briefly before last month's sale yesterday that no other violin had ever brought more than \$25,000. The violins of Mr. Stradivari, who lived in Italy in the 17th and 18th centuries, are considered the finest in the world. Mr. Taylor said he fetched such a high price because of its inlaid decorations condition. "It's in a perfect state of preservation," he said. "It's a perfect example of the maker's work. Its condition is unique. Any instrument of this period," Mr. Stradivari made 1,116. Mr. Taylor estimated that about 700 are still in existence.

Film-maker Gordon Parks Jr. dies in car crash

NAIROBI, Kenya, April 3 (AP) -- Black American film-maker Gordon Parks Jr., director of the movies "Superfly" and "Shaft," was killed when his light plane crashed on take-off today, a spokesman for Parks film company reported. The plane also died. Mr. Jim Richardson, assistant to Mr. Parks, was directing the movie "Revenge," which was being filmed in Kenya. Mr. Parks was a freelance photographer, and Mr. Miles Burton, a writer, operator and former professional hunter in Kenya. Mr. Parks, New York City, arrived in Kenya nearly three months ago to make a local film company, Mr. Richardson said. His grandfather, a known writer and photographer. Witnesses said the single-engine aircraft crashed about when it failed to clear beyond the end of the runway at an airport for light plane edge of Nairobi. Mr. Parks had been headed for the "Revenge," a low-budget adventure film with which Mr. P. has associates planned to start a Kenyan-based movie company. local actors and stuntmen. Mr. Richardson said the company can International Productions, planned to finish the movie

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